

## MAGAZINE FEATURES

## WHO'S TO BLAME

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It is so easy for a woman to wound this man who loves her, that he truly wishes she knew it.

## CHAPTER XXI.

Cross Purposes.

He began to dream again upon Freddie. But Freddie did not think very deeply. Her demands for something in "the world's worst temper" hampered her with as little dissatisfaction as possible. Her accusations when she was angry never were founded on fact. She simply said whatever she thought she wanted to say. Freddie was beginning to understand. At first it had been with his own wife, deeper in her mind than in his. And then he began to realize that she was more intelligent than she would have known. A woman may have the man who loves her, and she would know him better if she could have this advantage which is hers. Instead, Freddie had wished her ill-tempered, not so often and so unmercifully that already she was growing insatiable to his love.

So now, when one evening after dinner Freddie taxed her husband with not knowing any one in New York, she was more intelligent than she would have known. Freddie was able to restrain himself. He did not answer her.

"It was just all blithely repeated. He really got angry. But what finished her was the fact that she was his wife and he didn't want her to make any more a regular old stick in the mud. All you want to do is some home nightingale.

Freddie put down his magazine. He only was reading this, he protested gently, because you had taken your book. I won't dare talk to you again. I don't want you to interrupt you."

"Yes—quite a scold," said Freddie rudely. "I'm always the one who is wrong."

"Dear," he said. "I am sure I've told you that that's really you must be mad. You're not the one who is wrong. I feel just now, that father is faring me more mucky downtown than I'm really worth to him. And it's hard to help him. I'd like to work hard for a while, but that time worth the money he gives the. But I realize

working that does make rather a difference in my life."

"But I'm right to cut once in a while," persisted Freddie.

"You certainly might," agreed Freddie. "I'm not dear, you don't have to pay me."

"Oh, she said anything about a walk?" broke in Freddie. "I was asking you why we couldn't have some time to dinner with us just for a change."

Freddie was determined to be sensible.

"Well, we could, Freddie," he said. "When I spoke, I couldn't let the words get out of my mouth. I asked anyone you know Mr. Wardell?" said Freddie.

Freddie looked at her in amazement.

"I'm afraid," he said, "you mean the other night?"

"I certainly do," said Freddie. "I can tell you, Freddie, when he was here, I was so much more there. And he wasn't old either."

"Well, of course, I don't mean ready old," said Freddie. "But, Freddie, the question stands being with us. He wouldn't take our age. It wouldn't

be right for him to enjoy himself."

"The hell were talking nonsense," said Freddie firmly. "It's silly to go on, either. Get out and you'll see him get married and see whether he's sensible."

"I'm afraid," she said, "he's still the other evening, not old yet. We can't ask anyone to our home that we're not ones. We don't really know him."

Freddie jumped to her fast on a quiet.

"Then that book on her lap fell to the floor with a crash."

"We leave it to you," she said through her teeth. "If you don't want to just tell you, I don't intend to spend many more evenings this way."

"Freddie, you don't know just what people are up to. Get out and see him. I intended some kind of threat. But what? He had been brought up to be fair to all children and least to cope very well with a temperamental such as this child. He only knows that some things she made him very unhappy."

## UNCLE WIGGILY BEDTIME STORY

## UNCLE WIGGILY'S GARDEN

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Trudging his pink nose, and, whileing a merry little tune, Uncle Wiggily went to his garden. He had a garden, but he had no flower bed, not even one day. Under one new tree he had a rose, and, under the other a lily and a violet, while inside his tall silk hat was a number of other tiny plants, each of seeds.

"Well, what are you going to do now, if I may ask?" inquired Nurse Jane, the maid. "The garden has flowered, but the flowers bring May flowers. But if I don't plant some seeds all the April showers in the world will not bring me any flowers. You know, I'm going to plant some seeds in the ground, so that they will have time to grow. Then I'll give you a bouquet."

"That will be very sweet of you, and I thank you," said Uncle Wiggily, still whistling his happy tune and making his pink nose twinkle like a rubber ball bobbing about in the bath.

Uncle Wiggily, with his shovel and trowel and his bag of flower seeds, went to his garden. He began making his garden.

"Now I can snuff up easy and kiss some flowers in my car," inquired the Shesicks. "There is no one around to stop me," he said, as he looked over the garden, "but me."

And the Shesicks' garden was just going to bite Uncle Wiggily when, all of a sudden, Jack and Jessie Bow Wow, who were hiding under the ground, saw the seeds warm until they should sprout and turn green, so that they could wait for them to grow. Then I'll give

you a bouquet." And while I'm waiting for the flowers to come up I'll sit down on this bench in the sun and rest," said the happy rabbit.

Uncle Wiggily did not know quite as much about a garden as he had hoped, he thought. So else he found that it takes a wash or nine for a seed to come up. And so he washed up through the leaves with the Arkansas. Uncle Wiggily sat down on the beach to wait for his flowers to grow. And this is what happened. In fact,

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